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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV TRADE DELEGATION SIGNS PROTOCOL IN
MADAGASCAR

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 1030

1. SIXTEEN MEMBER YUGOSLAV DELEGATION HEADED BY ASEN SIMITIEV, PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, VISITED MADAGASCAR SEPTEMBER 18 TO 23. DELEGATION MET WITH MALAGASY ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND OTHER GOMR NOTABLES. ROUND OF TALKS HIGHLIGHTED BY 45-MINUTE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA.

2. IN PUBLIC REMARKS YUGOSLAV DELEGATION HEAD STRESSED ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, WHILE MALAGASY MINISTER OF FINANCE EMPHASIZED THE MUTUAL "NON-ALIGNED" STATUS OF TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR "COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION, BACKWARDNESS AND EXPLOITATION".

3. BEFORE DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FOR MAURITIUS SEPTEMBER 23, IT SIGNED "PROTOCOL" WITH GOMR CALLING FOR INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND INCREASED COOPERATION IN AREAS OF INVESTMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND
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YUGOSLAV TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. MALAGASY MINISTER OF FINANCE AND

PLANNING MENTIONED, AT PRESS CONFERENCE, POSSIBILITY OF YUGOSLAV AID IN MANAGEMENT OF RECENTLY NATIONALIZED BUSINESSES. SIMITIEV ADDED, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL PRESS ACCOUNT, THAT SINCE YUGOSLAVIA IS ALSO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY, TRADE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WOULD BE FAVORED OVER DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

4. YUGOSLAV DELEGATION DISCUSSED WITH ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING RESIDENT AMBASSADORS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT.
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